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SUBJECT: EC-9 LATIN AMERICAN EXPERTS REVIEW CUBAN DEVELOPMENTS

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR FOR LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS (AMBASSADOR WATTEEUW) TOLD US MAY 11 THAT RECENT EC-9 LATIN AMERICAN EXPERTS MEETING IN LONDON DISCUSSED IN DETAIL CUBA AND CUBAN ROLE IN AFRICA. EXPERTS TENTATIVELY VIEWED CUBA AS EMBARKING ON AN AFRICAN POLICY AFTER HAVING FAILED IN CARVING OUT A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN LATIN AMERICAN AND HAVING HAD MINIMAL IMPACT IN THE CARIBBEAN REGION ITSELF, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF JAMAICA AND GUYANA. EXPERTS REVIEWED CUBAN PRESENCE THROUGHOUT AFRICA, NOTING SIGNIFICANT CUBANS IN ANGOLA, LIBYA, MOZAMBIQUE AND ETHIOPIA, ESPECIALLY SOME 200 CUBAN MILITARY IN ASMARA, ERITEA. EXPERTS FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF CUBANS IN SHABA. WATTEEUW SAID EXPERTS SAW CASTRO'S RECENT AFRICAN TOUR AS BASICALLY A PROPAGANDA EXERCISE WITH NO CONCRETE RESULTS. THEY CONCLUDED IT WAS PROBABLY UNCOORDINATED WITH THE PODGORNÝ TRIP AND, IN CERTAIN RESPECTS, "GOT IN THE WAY" OF THE SOVIET PRESIDENT'S MISSION.

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2. AMBASSADOR WATTEEUW SAID EXPERTS ALSO DISCUSSED HUMAN RIGHTS IN LATIN AMERICA, STATUS OF CUBAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS, SPECIFIC COUNTRIES WITH SPECIAL PROBLEMS, E.G., MEXICO, CHILE, EQUADOR, AND DIFFICULTIES WITH FORWARD MOVEMENT TOWARDS LATIN AMERICAN INTEGRATION. ON LATTER SUBJECT, EXPERTS FELT ANDEAN PACT WAS CLEARLY BECOMING

WEAKER, CITING CHILEAN WITHDRAWAL AND GROWING TENDENCY
TO ADDRESS PROBLEMS IN BILATERAL, RATHER IN REGIONAL,
FRAMEWORK.

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